

Creative Inquiry - Supply List

This course is designed to use simple materials and supplies, some of which you may already have at home. If not, you should be able to pick up an unlined journal and something to draw and paint with for under \$20. I often work with a waxy or oil based drawing medium and a water based paint of some kind, but the combination is up to you. Below are some examples to get started, but **Feel free to use what you have**.



JOURNALS - I tend to prefer spiral bound, blank journals for this process. Whatever you choose, make sure it lies flat when you open it. I also look for a heavier paper that is for mixed media or watercolor, but drawing paper is okay too. Try and get one that is at least 8"x10" or larger so you have some room to move around the page.



CRAYONS & TEMPERA PAINT - These are probably the easiest and cheapest supplies available, and also non-toxic and washable, if you're worried about mess. Cheap sponge or bristle brushes work well, as do inexpensive kids brushes that aren't too small.

COLORED PENCIL & WATERCOLOR - Again, these are inexpensive, easy to find and very versatile. I also use charcoal pencil a lot for outlining and shading. If you have a watercolor set, I recommend that you get a larger brush or sponge brush that is 1/2 to 1" wide to fill in larger areas quickly. A little spray bottle is nice too!



ACRYLIC CRAFT PAINTS - I ADORE matte finish, cheap acrylic paints. They are fluid so you don't have to spend time mixing them and because they are a flat finish you can use most everything else on top of them. Get red, yellow, blue, black, white and your favorite colors.



PASTELS - There are many different types of pastels you can use that are inexpensive and come in a wide variety of colors. Oil pastels, Chalk or Soft pastels and my favorite, water soluble pastels like NeoColor or Portfolio, which are available online.

COLLAGE - You can also have some magazine pages, book pages, photos and scraps of tissue type paper for doing collage, if that is something you enjoy. But remember, sometimes simpler is better, especially in the beginning.